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Simple Principles On Giving

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INT: "Give strength, give thought, give deeds, give wealth.
Give love, give tears, and then give thyself.
Give and give again; be always giving.
He who is not giving-is not living.
The more you GIVE, the more you LIVE. ..Anon. Mead. 159.

Matthew 6:19-21.

"Go break to the needy sweet charity's bread;
For giving is living," the angel said.
"And must I be giving again and again?"
MY PEEVISH AND PITILESS ANSWER RAN.
"Oh no," said the angel, piercing me through,
"Just give until the Master stops giving to you." Anon. 159.

Luke 6:38.

GIVING, a subject appreciated only by the Spr. mature, the converted, the unselfish, the true disciples of Chr!
"more give more get out of life."

LESSON DIRECTED to 6 groups.

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| 1. Children: want truth. | 4. Visitors: Appreciate truth |
| 2. New converts: eager to know. | 5. Covetous: Life or death. |
| 3. Unthinking Chr.: reminding. | 6. Genuine Chr.: strength. |

I. FIVE GREAT PRINCIPLES ON GIVING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT.

A. Principle of CARING. Acts 2:44-47.* 4:32-35.*

1. Acts 11:27-30* begins the GIVING-STORY. Famine!!!!
2. Rom. 15:25-29* a blessed virtue of the gospel.
3. I Cor. 16:1-2. Early church cared.

III. Later churches learning: Texas City cong. 1961.

Hurricane Carla. 140 families lost something.

Cont. \$700 week. Elders fearful be \$7 after this.

Surprise: \$1,000. WHY? **Bottom half of cong. learned to care!** (Usual: 30% give 80%. Leaves 70% giving 20%)
Grateful no worse.

B. Principle of BEARING. Gal. 6:1-2. II Cor. 9:1-2*

1. No accident that 34% of whole N. T. deals with Stewardship and Giving to the Lord and His work!
2. Reason 17 of 36 parables on property and responsibility

C. Principle of SHARING. II Cor. 9:5-7*

1. Bruce R. Baxter: "Do we give according to our means, or do we give according to our meanness?"

D. Principle of DARING. Matt. 6:33. II Cor. 9:8.

E. Principle of being FAIR. II Cor. 8:9-14.*

WH 6-5-66

1. Being fair is not doing like Sambo did to the Senator in his share-cropping venture. Agreement was $\frac{1}{4}$ to Senator. At harvest time got none! Why? Sambo: Only got 3 bales of cotton and 3 wagen loads of corn! No forth of anything!

INV: II Cor. 8:1-5* shows that when the HEART is right the GIFT is right too.

Most of all God wants YOU today. II Cor. 6:2.

God gave His Son. John 3:16. for you.
Son gave His life. John 10:18. for you.

What are you willing to give to Him today?
your best!